Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether by accepting the recommendation of the Diwan Peishkar persons who were entitled for promotion under the rules were also promoted?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I cannot say off-hand.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether this was not an attempt to get indirectly exemptions for these two individuals?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I do not think so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were there not in the department persons who had passed the Account Test in the first class?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Those who possess the minimum qualifications are required to be promoted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is not the justification of the Government that I want to know. I want to know whether there was any first class Account Test man available for promotion.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Who was the Diwan Peishkar who made the recommendation?

Mr U. Kandar Menon.—Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Are these two gentlemen Brahmins?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is evident from the answer.

Sree Rudra Vilasam Secondary School.

456. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—(a) referring to answer (1) to question No. 74 of the Legislative Session (Vrischigam) of 1108 whether the Edavam bill has been subsequently received;

(b) if so, when; when was it sanctioned?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No expenditure for feeding charges was incurred during the month, and hence there was no necessity for any bill.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are these monthly bills generally paid before the close of the next month?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, it is generally done.

Scheme for a Canal.

457. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state regarding the answer to question No. 261 (2) of the 2nd meeting of the Legislative Session of 1108

(a) what was the amount of acreage proposed to be served by the canal;

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